

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL 5720 INTEGRITY DRIVE MILLINGTON TN 38055-0000

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Mr. Charles H. Sims
Address removed in
FOIAONLINE

Dear Mr. Sims:

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request in which you seek the discharge status pertaining to Nathan Hansen. Your request was received in this office on March 28, 2018, has been assigned FOIA correspondence file number CNPC20180332 by this command.

A releasable copy of a responsive DD Form 214 is provided as a separate attachment in FOIAONLINE. Block 23 reflects that Mr. Hansen was discharged from the U.S. Navy. Block 12b reflects that Mr. Hansen was discharged from the U.S. Navy effective January 21, 2015. Although redacted information does not appear to be responsive to your request, the release of such information is exempt from disclosure under FOIA exemption 6 [5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)]. Further, any available documentation which would reflect the specific reason for separation are also exempt from release under FOIA exemption 6. Release of the excised and withheld documentation would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of Mr. Hansen and other identified individuals.

Because your request is partially denied by this command, you are advised of your right to appeal this determination in writing to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, OJAG Code 14, 1322 Patterson Avenue SE Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066.

If an appeal is deemed necessary, it must be received in that office within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter, in order to be considered. To expedite an appeal, you should enclose a copy of this letter and a copy of the original request along with a statement regarding why your appeal should be granted. The letter of appeal and the envelope should bear the notation, "FOIA/PA APPEAL."

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I am the official responsible for the partial denial of your request. Should you wish to discuss the processing of your request, you may contact the undersigned at (901) 874-3165. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031.

You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) as they provide a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the Department of the Navy (DON). For more information go to https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information.

Sincerely,

D. P. GERMAN FOIA/PA Officer By direction